

fund is so short this year, while both the Mission and the Superannuated Minister's funds have been better supplied. May we continually work together for the advancement of Christ's cause.

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Our Young People

His Presence

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It is good to know, when the storm comes down,
And the fierce gale harries the land and sea,
When the vast deeps meet and the giants frown,
That our Father thinks of thee.

It is good to know, when the lights go out,
As on to his haven the traveller fares,
And around him gather the mists of doubt,
That our Father knows and cares.

It is good to know, when the shadows fall,
And our hearts are flowing with prayers and tears,
That his light is there, in the midst of all,
And our Father sees and hears.

—*Christian Endeavor World*.

HOW TO GET RID OF SIN

I John 1:5-10

Topic for June 2.

The great standing problem of the world is that of its sin. The vast bulk of sorrow and shame and poverty and disease which have made a tear stained record of history have been caused by sin. It is the fountain of woe which has ever polluted the pure river of life. It is a lawless monster which no man can tame.

Law and philosophy and learning alike have failed to do more than check its ravages. The non-Christian religions have found no healing for this incurable wound.

But one sat in the midst of a handful of men and said, "Fear not for I have overcome the world" and in this declaration sounded the note of triumph. The "seed of the woman" had "bruised the serpent's head." The fountain of healing is opened at last.

At the Parliament of Religions in 1893 Joseph Cook of Boston was speaking for Christianity. He led a little girl to the platform with her hands red with blood to represent the stain of sin and turning to each of the representatives of other religions he said, "Have you anything in your religion that can take the stain of sin from our red right hands?" But they were all silent. Not in Confucius or Mohammed or Buddha do we find a Savior. Jesus only makes us free.

Ten thousand thousands have been lost in sin but finding Jesus they found life and hope and power to overcome.

Our lives are limited but in Jesus there is exhaustless inspiration. The more we know of him the more we are transformed by him. He is our Savior and keeper. He is our life.

SCRIPTURE HELP

1 Good Heredity

The evil tendencies of our animal natures, the sinful customs of society, the low standards of morality of the world, we have largely inherited from still more animal ancestors and unless the present generation is transformed the same curse will be transmitted to posterity. If sin is to be eliminated from the world the race must be propagated, not in lust, but in the fear of God. A good endowment before birth means more than all after training. See II Tim. 1:5; Matt. 13:10-12; Matt. 12:34.

Are the virtues of the parents as well as their in-

iquities visited upon the third and fourth generation?

If only virtues are transmitted by parents may it not become as natural for children to do right as it has been in the past to do wrong?

2 Good Environment

A good start is not all. Children and grown people need to be taught the proper place of all things, and if sin is to be gotten rid of the temptations of life must be banished as far as possible. Show the value of good environment from the following scriptures. Isa. 57:14; Matt. 13:3-8; I Cor. 15:33. R. V.

3 Good Will

But after all we are all conscious somehow that we are greater than all the obstacles in the way of a good life. If we choose to do the will of God we may do it. See Matt. 15:18-20; Rom. 13:10.

4 The Greatest Question Before us then is, How to be Right in Heart. Jesus tells us How. John 3:3 (margin)

As conditions of this regeneration there must be: Faith, John 1:11; Repentance, Acts 2:38; Confession, I John 1:9.

As conditions of continued life in the Spirit there must be: 1. A constant attitude of the will as, (a) Dead to sin, Rom. 6:5-11. (b) Alive to God, Rom. 6:18; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:1, 2, and 13; Gal. 5:16-18; II Cor. 2:14. 2. An observance of the means of grace and the commandments of Jesus. Matt. 26:41; II Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:25.

SOME QUESTIONS

- 1 What is sin? I John 3:4.
- 2 Who have sinned? Rom. 3:23.
- 3 What are the wages of sin? Rom. 6:23.
- 4 Do sinners enjoy liberty? John 8:34.
- 5 Who gives true liberty? John 8:36.
- 6 What are some vain ways by which men try to escape from sin?
- 7 Why cannot we get rid of sin by ourselves?
- 8 How does the church help us to get rid of sin?
- 9 How may we realize the presence of Jesus at all times when tempted?
- 10 How may we help others to get rid of sin?

Let there be an opportunity in closing for any who will to accept Christ.

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Christian Life

Our Welcome There

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Beyond, beyond us lies a land,
Before whose gates a veil hangs low;
A peopled land, healthful and fair,
And more than half of those we know
And those we love, are gathered there:
Gathered upon that smiling strand.

"What joy! O tell me—is this true?
There I will drop my weary load,
I will no longer 'fardels bear,'
But run upon that heavenly road."
"Then friend, there is no welcome there,
There is no welcome there for you."

"But here is one, this silent one
Who visits shrines, and mourns and weeps;
Who in the twilight dim and lone
Her consecrated vigil keeps;
She hath renounced all earthly care.
'Ah, then there is no welcome there.'"

Beyond those gates whose veil hangs low
The welcome to that land shall be
"To him that overcometh"—here
He shall come in and "sit with me;"
"All things shall he inherit," there.
"Toil on—toil on, O weary one;
O mourning one, take up thy care."

—*New York Observer*.

Who Is Sufficient For These Things?

Man is a masterful being, and he grows more and more so with every generation. He has ferreted out the secrets of Nature, has laid his masterful hand on her laws and forces, and bidden them into his service, until he has well-nigh conquered the world. With increased knowledge has come great wealth and great power. The haughtiness of the human intellect with the arrogance which comes with great wealth and power, is everywhere seen. With all this, man is more and more inclined to assert his independence of God. A large portion of our race, where knowledge has increased, and wealth and power have grown apace, have in their pride almost said, with Pharaoh of old: "Who is the Lord, that I should serve him? I know not the Lord, neither will I serve him." The spirit of Antichrist has possessed them, and they deny both the Father and the Son. It seems to them that their mountain stands sure. They are not afraid. Tho they acknowledge that the last enemy must triumph over them, they do not abate their pride, but with those of old, and with the rich fool of the Bible, say: "Soul, soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many days, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." The great mass of men today are living in spiritual carelessness, if not in open defiance of God and Christ. But few men, comparatively, are Christians; in fact, from three-fourths to four-fifths of our ordinary church congregations are made up of women. But a minority of professional men are disciples of Christ; not many of the "great" men who control modern material civilization are disciples of Christ; not many of the few "great" and "noble" who are in the household of faith, are active in the spiritual work of the church. The rich and mighty give of their riches to build magnificent or plain houses of worship, as circumstances may suggest, and to maintain the home ministry of the gospel. To the outside and casual observer the material side and aspect of Christianity is strong and flourishing, and so indeed it is; but the spiritual progress of the kingdom of God is not keeping pace with its material prosperity. There is a reason for this, and it is meet that we should consider it with great care.

The danger that threatens the church today is that we are depending too much on the outward and visible means used to promote temporal and worldly enterprises to carry forward the spiritual work of God. Fine churches, an educated and brilliant ministry, the patronage of the best people will always maintain an outward show of propriety. These will make Laodicean churches, but not churches "full of power and of the Holy Ghost."

Christianity is a supernatural religion, and it must have supernatural power in order to its true progress. From the beginning, our Lord impressed this truth upon his disciples. Tho they had the whole truth of his kingdom and all the facts of his life, death and